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Re: Request for Informal Conference Energy West Mining Corporation (Pacificorp).
Deer Creek Permit Size Increase ACT/015/018

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is to acknowledge your request for an informal conference dated February 21, 2002. In subsequent conversations, you agreed that based on Huntington-Cleveland's support for the extension of mining, an informal conference was not needed, but an opportunity for dialogue amongst various entities could be beneficial.

I was out of the office most of the week of March 4, but Mary Ann Wright informed me that a meeting including some of your clients, Pacificorp employees, and certain employees in our Coal Regulatory program was held. The meeting included discussions on the hydrologic aspects of the above regulatory action. I hope this meeting was helpful in answering the questions that you raised in your February 21, 2002 letter.

Sincerely,

Lowell P. Braxton
Director

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cc: Bob Morgan
Mary Ann Wright

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